

Date: May 11, 2004

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH Office of the City Manager Letter to Commission No. 111-2004

To:

Mayor David Dermer and

Members of the City Commission

From:

Jorge M. Gonzalez

City Manager

Subject: WSVN CHANNEL 7 INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

The purpose of this LTC is to advise you of two investigative reports by WSVN Channel 7 that will be airing this week.

The first one deals with the 42nd Street construction project and parents alleging that children at North Beach Elementary are getting sick from the dust in the area. This report airs Tuesday, May 11 at 10:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. Tim Hemstreet, CIP Director, responded that the City and contractor have followed all construction and OSHA guidelines as required.

The second report deals with our Fire Department's swimming assessments and water rescues. This report airs on Thursday, May 13 at 10:00 p.m. Fire Chief Jordan and I responded to an allegation that by not requiring swimming as a condition of employment it would adversely affect the department's ability to respond to water rescues.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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